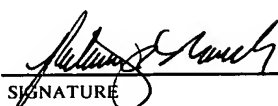


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/006252		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 09 June 2004		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 29 July 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR PRODUCING HARDENED PARTS FROM SHEET STEEL					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Werner BRANDSTÄTTER et al.					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
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3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).					
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.					
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).					
6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).					
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).					
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8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). (verified)					
9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).					
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Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:					
11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.					
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.					
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. (9 pages)					
<input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.					
14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Clean Version of the Substitute Specification. (attached to a Marked-Up version of the Substitute Specification)					
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.					
16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:					
- Form PCT/ISA/210 (English language version, 3 pages)					
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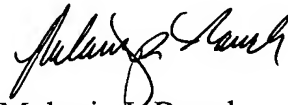
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Applicants sincerely believe that this patent application is now in condition for prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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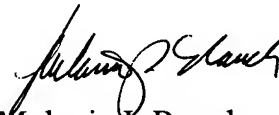
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